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by deleting all of the language following the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 4, Part 7, is amended by adding the following new, appropriately designated section:

Section 49-4-707. Support personnel loan scholarship program.

(a) The Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation shall administer a support personnel loan-scholarship program for talented Tennesseans who aspire to be teachers. Applicants for loan-scholarships must be employed by a Tennessee school system at the time of the application. Participation in the program at any one time shall be limited to twenty-four (24) qualified individuals, who shall apply in writing to the corporation for a loan-scholarship covering the tuition of a higher education institution.

(1) Recipients must be admitted to an approved teacher education program, as determined by the state board of education, in a higher education institution within the state.

(2) Recipients must pursue a baccalaureate degree program leading to licensure as a teacher.

(3) Each loan-scholarship awarded shall be in the amount of the tuition at the higher education institution attended by the applicant and shall not exceed the maximum cost of tuition at a public higher education institution in Tennessee. Loan-

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scholarships shall be renewable by the corporation up to four (4) times, contingent upon satisfactory academic performance, as established by the corporation.

(4) Recipients who become public school teachers in Tennessee shall receive forgiveness of the loan balance based on one (1) year's teaching service for each year the loan-scholarship was awarded. The corporation shall also forgive the loan because of the death of the recipient or if the corporation finds that it is impossible for the recipient to teach because of the permanent disability of the recipient.

(b)

(1) The Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation, in conjunction with the state board of education and the Tennessee higher education commission, shall develop rules, regulations and criteria for the selection of support personnel employed in Tennessee's school systems and for the management of the program.

(2) All loan-scholarships shall be evidenced by notes made payable to the corporation that shall bear interest at the rate of nine percent (9%) per year beginning September 1 after completion of the program, or immediately after termination of the loan-scholarship, whichever is earlier. The loan-scholarship may

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be terminated by the recipient withdrawing from school or by the
recipient not meeting the standards set by the corporation.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring
it.